MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

May 2015 – Our next regular meeting will be held Thursday, May 21, 7 PM at Mayfair Mall community room, lower level. On Saturday May 23, 8 AM, the CSNS is sponsoring a day-long seminar on paper currency which will be held at the Clarion Hotel on Howell Avenue across from the Milwaukee Airport. Advance registration is essential; two meals will be provided. Contact Ray Lockwood at 765-664-6520 or sunrayofmarion@aol.com.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

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May Coin of the Month: For May we have a beautiful 1.5" bronze medal commemorating religious liberty in Maryland. Flawless medal in a plastic display case and stand, with a box and a detailed explanatory booklet. Bids start at just $6 for this exceptional collectible.

May 2015 MNS President's Message

With the annual spring Central States show behind us we now get to look forward to the NOW-Iola show later this month and the ANA show in August. The bus trip down to the CSNS show was attended by fifteen individuals, all who met with varying degrees of success on the bourse floor. I hope that everyone who attended agrees that it was a great day to spend at the show, whether shopping for the illusive addition to your collection or attending one of the many educational seminars.

Speaking of seminars, the May 23rd CSNS Educational Seminar on paper money is right around the corner. By now I hope that all Club members who desire to attend have sent in their registration form and fee. At last count there will be a total of twenty-three attendees at the event. If you have not signed up by now I would encourage you to contact Educational Director Ray Lockwood at 765.664.6520 or e-mail him at sunrayofmarion@aol.com immediately. Please remember, for everything you get this event is a bargain at only $20. The seminar will run from 8 AM – 4 PM and take place at the Clarion Airport Hotel at 5311 S. Howell Avenue. A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided to all attendees.

August is shaping up to be such a busy month what with the ANA show and our Club outing I think it just makes sense to give everyone some time off and forego our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. As you will see on the calendar, the outing will be at the Grohmann Museum, which is part of the MSOE and located downtown at 1000 N. Broadway. They are running a special exhibit entitled "Metal for Mettle: Historic Commemorative Medals Honoring Labor and Achievement". Since this is of a numismatic nature coming from the private collection of Mr. Thomas Garver, I think this is something we would all find of interest. More details on our summer outing will follow in the next few newsletters.

At the next meeting the Club members will have to vote on the membership application of Linda Klabunde, mother to YN Andrew who was previously admitted to membership. Also, thanks so much to Neil Shafer for making last month's meeting interesting with an impromptu mini-presentation on the history of Iranian banknotes.

Due to other commitments I will unfortunately be absent from the May meeting, but everything should be in good hands with your Vice President Jim H. As a result, I hope to see many of you at the June 18th meeting, right in time for our Spring/Early Summer semi-annual Club Auction.

Happy Collecting,
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Schedule

Monthly meetings in 2015 are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 15:	Officer Inductions; Photograding Flying Eagle & Indian Cents by Darrell L.
Feb 19:	Outdated Book Dispersal
March 19:	Open
April 16:	Open
May 21:	Open
June 18:	"Spring" Auction
July 16:	Bob Burlingame "Diving Expedition Treasure Finds"
Aug 1:	Grohmann Museum Outing
Aug 20:	NO MEETING
Sept 17:	Educational Video Viewing
Oct 15:	"Other Collections" Expanded Show & Tell
Nov 19:	Autumn Auction
Dec 17:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2015 are $10. Please pay at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to $50. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.785.7663 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

2015 Numismatic Events

May 15-16	NOW/WI Valley CC Show, Old Car Show Activity Bldg, 700 E. State St. Iola, WI
May 23	CSNS Educational Seminar at Milw. Clarion Airport Hotel (8 AM-4 PM)
August 1st	Grohmann Museum (MSOE) Club Outing – 2:00 PM
Aug. 11-15	ANA World's Fair of Money Stephens Convention Ctr, Rosemont, IL
October 4	MNS Annual Coin Show Serb Hall – 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave 9 AM-4 PM
Mar 31-Apr 2, 2016	MNS/SSCC sponsored NOW show in Milwaukee

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Dave Herrewig
Feb:	Don Kaminski
Mar:	Dave H.
Apr:	Tom Dallmann
May:	Stu C.
Jun:	Howard Thorpe
Jul:	Open
Aug:	N/A
Sep:	Open
Oct:	Open
Nov:	Leon A.
Dec:	Holiday Party

Milwaukee Numismatic Society
Minutes
April 16, 2015

President Justin Perrault called the 957th meeting of the MNS to order at 7:04 pm on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Mayfair Mall's lower level community room. There were 34 members in attendance. President Perrault led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Door Prizes were won by Steve Jacobson, Tom Snyder, Dave Hunsicker, Gary Bieringer, Roger Lick, Ed Furnys, Tom Casper, Jeff Gaffke, Harold Klunder, and Josh Whitehall.

Coin of the Month
Coin of the month was a 1973-S blue pack Ike dollar won by Steve Jacobson for $9.50

Minutes
The minutes for March were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report
Expenses were $486.00 while income was nil.

Vice President:
Checks from the last banquet will be cashed, refreshments are good to June but we still need speakers and programs.

President: There will be a chartered bus for the April 24 trip to the CSNS show in Schaumberg, 8am leave time, 5 PM return time. Ideas for a July club outing - Racine Heritage Museum, Indian Artifact museum, Kenosha Civil War museum.

Scout Clinic: 36 scouts were registered and the parents were impressed with the event.

Librarian
The library is now in President Perrault's basement.

Upcoming shows
April 19 in Wausau, April 22-25 CSNS in Schaumburg, Il, May 3 in Green Bay, May 9 in Sheboygan, May 15-16 in Iola, 1 day paper money seminar through CSNS on May 23 at the Clarion Hotel,across from the airport.

Exhibits
Bob Mathieu, Justin Perrault, Neil Shafer, Howard Thorpe, Tom Casper, Tom Dallmann, Harold Kluender, Joe Paonessa and Leon Saryan showed stuff.

Speaker: Neil Shafer spoke on Iranian paper money before and after the revolution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm
Respectfully submitted, &c, &c, Joe Paonessa

Taking Flight with Henri Giffard

By Justin Perrault

With so many different modes of travel to choose from today, all of which have been in existence for the duration of our entire lifetimes, it is difficult to imagine what it was like for the public to experience suspended flight for the first time in the mid to late 19th Century. A French engineer by the name of Henri Giffard made strides in bringing the realization of air travel by balloon to life in the mid-1800's.

Born in Paris in 1825, Giffard's original flight machine was constructed in 1852 and became known as the Giffard dirigible, an airship powered with a steam engine. This was technically the world's first passenger carrying airship. The dirigible was filled with hydrogen and equipped with a three horsepower steam engine that drove a propeller. On September 24, 1852 Giffard traveled a total of twenty-seven kilometers from Paris to Elancourt, thereby completing the first powered and controlled flight. Although this was only a one-way trip due to the gusty winds, Giffard was able to make turns and circles, proving that a powered airship could be steered and controlled.

At the recent IBNS show I acquired a souvenir medal depicting the 1878 balloon flight in Paris. Originally this medal would have hung from a ribbon and wooden toggle-like suspension bar. Measuring two inches in width and composed of gilt bronze, it depicts the suspended hot air balloon above the very detailed city of Paris. Held in conjunction with the 1878 Exposition Universelle, fairgoers would have paid one franc for the opportunity to be suspended 500-600 meters above the City, thereby obtaining an unparalleled view of the Tuileries and surrounding cityscape. It is fascinating to wonder what kind of impression such a spectacle would have had on the fair-going public in that era, given their familiarity with the more simple notions of steam and horse power.

In 1882 Giffard committed suicide in response to his declining eyesight. It is interesting to note that due to his scientific achievements his name is one of the seventy-two featured on the Eiffel Tower. Although Giffard is not well known today, his contributions to the scientific community helped lay the groundwork for future advancements in air travel and independently controlled flight.

Collecting Ancient Coins...in 1554

by Dave Herrewig

Collecting ancient coins was popular centuries ago, just as today. One notable collector was Ogier Ghiselin de Busbecq, a 16th century Flemish diplomat who served the Holy Roman Emperor in Vienna in his dealings with the Ottoman Empire. De Busbecq was knowledgeable about ancient coins, and his letters show how he mixed collecting with his diplomatic journeys. In 1554 he traveled from Vienna to Constantinople, now Istanbul. In letters translated much later he recounted how along the way he stopped in a suburb of Belgrade, the present capital of Serbia.

"This was the first place at which I met with ancient coins, of which, as you know, I am very fond....We found several coins, on one side of which was a Roman soldier standing between a bull and a horse, with the inscription 'Taurunum'. It is well ascertained that the legions of Upper Moesia were quartered here." De Busbecq continued to Constantinople, and then on to central Anatolia to meet the Ottoman Sultan. He saw more ancient coins there.

"We found, in some places, ancient coins in great abundance, especially those of the later emperors, Constantinus, Constans, Justinus, Valens, Valentinianus, Numerianus, Probus, Tacitus, etc. In many places the Turks used them for the drachm and half-drachm weights. They call them 'giaur manguri', or 'the infidel's money'."

"There were, besides, many coins of the neighboring cities of Asia, Amysus, Sinope, Comana, Amastris, and lastly some of Amasia, the city to which we were going. Talking of coins, a coppersmith aroused my anger by telling me, when I enquired for coins, that a few days before he had a whole potful of them, and that, thinking they were worthless, he had melted them down, and made several copper kettles out of the metal. I was greatly vexed at the destruction of so many interesting relics, but I had my revenge. I informed him that, if he had not destroyed the coins, I would have given him a hundred gold pieces for them. So I sent him away quite unhappy at the loss of the windfall which he had been so near getting as I was at the sacrifice of these records of antiquity."

Ultimately de Busbecq was successful after remaining in the Ottoman Empire for several years. Upon his return in 1562 he stated, "I am also bringing back a great medley of ancient coins, of which I shall present the most remarkable to my master."

Ogier Ghiselin de Busbecq

MNS EXHIBITORS WIN IN SCHAUMBURG

By Tom Casper

The Central States 76th Anniversary Convention, held in Schaumburg, IL from April 20-25, 2015 was a complete success. It was orchestrated by Kevin Foley who filled the days with auction lot viewing, multi-part Heritage auctions, Civil War related lectures, a full bourse floor and hundreds of cases of exhibits. Heritage conducted auctions of U.S. paper and U.S. coins. I think the highlight of their auctions was Part VI of the Eric P. Newman collection. It contained many rarities including a number of Milwaukee obsolete notes. There were notes from the Bank of Commerce, Germania Bank, two notes from the Globe Bank, Bank of Milwaukee and Milwaukee City Bank. But the highlight of the Milwaukee notes was an 1855 proof $5 Santa Claus note from the Bank of Milwaukee which was hammered down at $30,550.00 which included the 17.5% buyer's premium.

This was the last year for the Civil War-themed lectures as part of the Educational Forum. Abraham Lincoln (Dennis Boggs) was again present who is most entertaining and well received. Book authors Robert Girardi and Ted Karamanski spoke on the Civil War and the Battlefield Balladeers played Civil War music.

The exhibit area was filled to capacity and overseen by the new Exhibit Chairman and Chief Judge, Jack Huggins. A number of Milwaukee Numismatic Society members supported this show by entering exhibits and won the following awards:

- Bruce Bartelt, 2nd Place: The King as Hero: The Heroic Bust Tetradrachm of Eukratides I of Baktria
- Darrell Luedtke, 1st Place: A Complete Collection of Wooden Medals of the 1876 U.S. Centennial
- Nancy Wilson, 1st Place & Best in Show: Santa Claus Obsolete Notes & Matching Vignettes
- John Wilson, 3rd Place: Guatemala 5 Pesos Issue 1895-1915
- David Hunsicker, 2nd Place: Savings Banks of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Jason Paonessa, 3rd Place: The David R. Cervin Ancient Coin Project

My wife, Sandy took a 1st Place for her exhibit G.A.R. National Encampments in Milwaukee. She also attended Joe Boling's program, Exhibit Judges Familiarization and Certification Program.

At the exhibitor breakfast on Saturday morning I was shocked when Kevin Foley presented me with the Central States Ray O. Lefman Medal of Merit. Also at the show during the Chicago Coin Club meeting the Chicago Coin Club presented Kevin Foley with their Medal of Merit.

On Friday, I saw many familiar faces from the MNS who arrived at the show by bus. I think these members enjoyed the show and hopefully found a piece in the auction or on the floor to add to their collections.

Photographs from the Central States Numismatic Society Show, April 2015

First photo by Justin Perrault, others provided by Tom Casper